

We are residents of Indiana, and would like to comment on the proposal that the FCC is considering which could diminish the protections I receive from Indiana's Telephone Privacy law. The Indiana State Attorney General has explained that this proposal seeks to preempt state Telephone Privacy laws in favor of adopting one lower national standard. We believe that The FCC should NOT implement any proposal that would lessen Indiana's Telephone Privacy law protections.

Indiana's Telephone Privacy law has totally STOPPED all of the infuriating sales calls that used to plague our home and any lessening of Indiana's current restrictions against telephone solicitation would once again place us at the mercy of telemarketers.

Telemarketers for MCI once called our home 7 times in one month, badgering us about switching my long-distance service, and The Chicago Tribune newspaper used to call every few weeks. If we would hang up on them, they'd simply call back. If we'd politely refuse their products/services, they'd wait a week or two and then call again. We purchased a more expensive telephone with caller-ID capabilities and added caller-ID services (for a FEE) to our local telephone service, but none of the calls from telemarketers ever displayed a name or number. If we refused to pick up the call because there wasn't a name/number, they would continue to call so we were constantly running to the phone to check the caller ID display.

Since signing up for Indiana's Telephone Privacy protection almost a year ago, we've had TWO unwanted telephone solicitation calls! We no longer feel like we're at the mercy of our telephone. Please don't take away our right to privacy and peace in our own home. If we want to buy products or services, we can find them on my own!

Sincerely, Rebecca and Michael Bilek